

LOGICAL OPTION MAKES GAINS IN BRANTFORD

Carried in Fifteen Districts,
Defeated in Five and Tied
In One.

Fight Centred in Brandon

310 Against.

By Bulletin Leased Wire.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 15.—This was the section day for the rural municipalities throughout Manitoba, of which there are now about 155. The general interest, however, was largely monopolized by the voting on some of the local option bylaws, the result of which will have an important bearing on the status of the liquor trade.

In fifteen districts local option carried; in five it was defeated and in six it was defeated. In the sixteenth municipality there was a tie vote, which counts as defeat. It may be noted that no rural district

...being included in this list. The returns from Swan River, one of the north districts, will not be known until tomorrow.

Liquor Men Appeal.

In Portage la Prairie city and also the municipality, local option carried by a good majority. At Bifrost, too, the vote was taken on appeal.

place in the province where a sufficiently signed petition calling for an appeal was secured. The result, however, went against the "wets" and

W. W. Buchanan, secretary of the social service committee, is delighted with the result in view of the early closing movement and the

Mr. Buchanan added, however, that the early closing movement had reduced the vote of the people favorable to the local option by 15 to 20 per cent.,

Today's voting makes the total of local option districts in Manitoba 59.

e as follows: Carried (Urban centers)—Grand View, by 9 majority; Gilbert Plains, 43; Neepawa, 10; Portage, 94; (municipalities), Portage, 328; Grand View, no figures given; Oakland, 49; South Cypress, 61; Whitewater, 198; Louise, 406; Bifrost, 2; Russell, 65; Gilbert Plains, 142;

Defeated (Urban centres)—Bran-
n City, 310; Deloraine, 27; Melita,
Wawanessa, 42; Russell village, 36;
dissevaln, the vote.

on record was seen here today when ex-Alderman H. Cater was chosen mayor over his opponent, Alderman J. McDonald, by a majority of 9. The aldermen elected were D. B. Trotter, A. L. Bench, A. E. Black and W. Burke. Despite the fact that the weather remained well under zero all day, polling was brisk for the whole time. The majority figures were: Cater 1,592, McDonald 9.

WILLING TO FOREGO

SEARCH OF SHIPS II CONSULS SATISFIED

British and French Governments Offer Concession to United States

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 13—Sir
 ell Spring-Rice, the British ambassa-
 dor, advised the state department
 day that his government was will-

search of vessels carrying cargo in American ports if the embargo would confer with the British consuls at the ports of departure and classify them as to the neutral character of their cargoes. Unless this is done cargo ships will be subject to the embargo and may be searched on the high seas.

part for that purpose if it is impracticable to get at the whole cargo otherwise. Owing to the large dimensions and varied cargo of mod-

was then found impracticable in many cases to conduct searches at sea. Consequently many merchant vessels were diverted far out of their course to British ports for examination. The department today received a note from the French government stating France was prepared to give the same assurances that had been

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American cotton.

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In the Realm of Women

BY FENELONE

Mrs. Ferrier will receive on Thursday night at 8 o'clock, her home, 11511 Kingston street, a Christmas party for her friends.

Many friends of Mrs. Leo Ward tender her the deepest sympathies for the loss of her husband, who died on Sunday morning last.

Mrs. Geo. W. Swainland is having a Christmas party on Monday for her children's playmates.

Mrs. and Mr. Larry Hicks, Winnipeg, have left for the season to visit the winter people at Christchurch.

Mrs. Ralph Gunn is going to town on Thursday night to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. A. Woods.

Mrs. Sparks, who spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Kirkpatrick, has returned home to Jasper.

Mrs. Pierre Gagnier, Peace River, is visiting with her little son, Valere, who is being brought to school with the little Mr. Leo and Mrs. Joseph.

A number of the bachelors have made arrangements for a Christmas party to be held on Monday following the Yuletide festival, in the Regent school hall.

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THEATRES AND MUSIC

By G. TEN WRIGHT

GOOD PRODUCTION OF "THE GREAT DIVIDE."

It is not difficult to see why "The Great Divide," the current attraction at the Empire theatre, is so covered with critical praise.

For a picture playing today a story that will not soon be forgotten.

There are but two good roles in it, but so exciting are these that the audience will not want to leave the theatre.

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VICTORIA CROSS IS AWARDED TO BRITISH HEROES

Ten Win the Highest Reward Given in the British Army.

London, Dec. 15.—The granting of ten Victoria crosses within the last few weeks strikes the total number of these awards during the present war to twenty-one.

The cross is the "highest" reward given to the British army "for some signal act of valor or devotion performed in the presence of the enemy."

The decoration is accompanied by a pension of £12 dollars a year. Official lists of surviving holders of the honor at the beginning of the present war contained only 18 names.

The ten latest "V.C." awards are as follows:

Private Sydney Galloway, Royal Fusiliers, for coolness and gallantry in firing his machine gun under a hail of fire for two hours, after he had been wounded at Mons on August 23.

Driver Job Drain, and Driver Frederick Lake, Royal Field Artillery, at Lezat, on August 25, as volunteers, helping to save guns under heavy fire from hostile infantry 100 yards away.

Major Charles Vase, deceased, King's Own Light Infantry, who made one of two companies that remained in the trenches at Lezat, on August 24, when all other officers were killed or wounded, and his fifteen survivors in a gallant charge. Wounded, he died in the arms of his opponents.

Lance-Corporal Frederick Holmes, King's Own Light Infantry, of Lezat, on August 24, carried wounded men from trenches under heavy fire; later assisted to drive a sun out of action by taking place of a wounded driver.

Private Edward Bradbury, deceased, Royal Horse Artillery, organized the capture of a heavy gun at Nery on September 1.

Captain William Johnston, Royal Engineers, at Mons, on September 14, under heavy fire, worked two guns, bringing them forward and returning with ammunition.

Private George John Bent Ask, Lancashire Regiment, for taking command of his company after his superior officer had been killed, and his position after his officer had been killed.

Private Ernest Harkiss, now sergeant, Royal Field Artillery, for conspicuous gallantry on September 10 near Vendresse, although two wounded, persisted in returning to lay down his gun each time after being severely wounded.

Lance-Corporal Dobson, Coldstream Guards, for bringing wounded men into cover on two occasions while under heavy fire.

The most conspicuous of these heroes is Captain Bradbury, whose name is on the Victoria Cross, and who is now a private in the 1st Battalion, The Buffs, at the front.

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force with ten field guns and two machine guns. Three British guns were brought into action, but two of them were quickly silenced. The British gun was shot, however, that all but one of the German guns were silenced, and when battery "D" was relieved the gun was captured. An account of the action says:

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